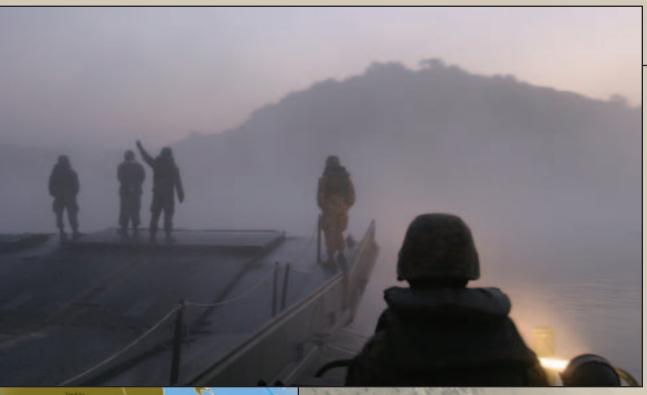
# OverThere

n recent weeks attention has focused on Fallujah and areas south of Baghdad as Marines, soldiers and Iraqi forces battle insurgents to reclaim these areas. Marines patrol these battle-scarred streets, fight fires and celebrate the Corps' 229th birthday. Next door in Kuwait, Marines train and acclimatize for duty in Iraq. Marines are also training in South Korea and Chad. In Cuba, Marines remember and honor past battles from World War II. Infantry Marines and service support Marines continue to sharpen their skills in preparation for dangerous assignments OverThere.





Philippine

## Gimpo Peninsula, South Korea

arines navigate through the early morning mist hanging over Yama River. The Marines, with A Co., 9th Engineer Support Bn., 3rd FSSG, operated the improved ribbon bridge raft during a bridging exercise here Oct. 15 as part of the Korean Incremental Training Program 05-1. Marines assisted Republic of Korea armed forces transporting heavy equipment across the river, manning one IRB raft and three bridge erecting boats.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Christa A. Bridges

### Fallujah, arines from E Co., 2nd Bn., 1st Marines, are on foot-patrol on a key route near Fallujah July 17. The unit provides a constant watch along the route keeping would-be attackers at bay, which allows military personnel running convoys to breath easier when on the route. Photo by Sgt. Jose E. Guiller

### Camp Taqaddum,

\*\*\*\* Iraq

arines with 2nd Bn., 10th Marines, an artillery battalion from MCB Camp Lejeune, N.C., mass around the birthday cake following a ceremony honoring the 229th Marine Corps birthday Nov. 10. Celebrating the Marine Corps' birthday while serving in the Global War on Terrorism had a special meaning to some Marines here. "This is what we as Marines do and it is also where the American people expect us to be," said Capt. Amy B. Alger, a 37-year-old native of Hershey, Penn., and executive officer for Headquarters and Service Bn., 1st FSSG. Photo by Lance Cpl. Caleb W. Sparks



## Camp Virgina, Kuwait

arines, with LAR Plt., Weapons Co.,
1st Bn., 2nd Marines, part of the 24th
MEU, raise a large inflated tire to the top of
their light armored vehicle July 12. The tire is
a reserve to be used in case of a flat. The MEU
has arrived in Kuwait to begin acclimatization
and further training before departing for Iraq.
Marines from each of the MEU's major subordinate elements ensured their vehicles and
Marines are prepared to face the dangers
involved with conducting convoys in Iraq.
Photo by Lance Cpl. Sarah A. Beavers





